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COUNTY PARKS TAKES STEPS TO SLOW COVID-19

Santa Cruz County Parks is committed to providing safe, clean, fun, and enjoyable parks and programs to those we serve. Public health and safety are a top priority, and with COVID-19 in our community, we are taking vigorous steps to help slow the disease and to protect residents and their families.

In conjunction with County Public Health Guidelines, County Parks is canceling all programs, events, activities in facilities, and any rentals effective March 16 through March 30. County Parks will reevaluate the situation at that time and determine next steps. Services or reservations may be rescheduled, credited or refunded. Please contact reservations@scparks.com or (831) 454-7938 for more information.

Simpkins Family Swim Center will continue to be open during this closure. According to the CDC, there is no evidence COVID-19 is spread through using pools. While the pool remains open, County Parks is focused on keeping common areas including the main lobby, restrooms and locker rooms disinfected and sanitized. We have already taken additional measures such as propping entrance and exit doors open, increasing frequency of sanitation of restroom and locker room facilities, and frequent disinfecting of all surfaces including the main lobby. Patrons are also encouraged to change offsite if they have any concerns.

All County parks and open space areas will remain open, including bathrooms and playgrounds, with increased cleaning of these facilities. We encourage everyone to seek respite in a park during these difficult times.

For more information and resources regarding COVID-19, please visit: www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirus, call 211 or text "COVID19" to 211211.